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Official Diary

Monday, 20 October 1952

1. Discussed with Dr. Kent the problem of certain paragraphs in NIE-64 which had been framed in "war-gaming" terms. Dr. Kent informed me that after consultation with the Board, they desired to eliminate the "war-gaming" aspects of this particular estimate and, in the light of our general discussion with General Porter, I concurred. Dr. Kent so informed General Porter.

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2. Met with Mr. Reber, AD/IC, and [redacted] I outlined the general form of organization of this office which, according to my present view, would include, in addition to the Executive Assistant, a general assistant for administration [redacted] and an assistant for intelligence planning (Mr. Reber). It was agreed that [redacted] would prepare himself for his position, although the formal transfer might be arranged later.

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3. Conferred with Mr. Reber on the question of planning. I made certain comments with respect to the planning book which he had prepared and requested him to have two copies made, one to be held in this office and one to be held by Mr. Reber.

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4. Spoke with [redacted] of PY on the Soviet glossary which I had earlier suggested to Mr. Wisner. [redacted] seemed concerned about the manpower capabilities of his staff and I suggested that any reasonably competent Soviet expert should be able to draft up such a paper within a relatively short time. One name I suggested was George Morgan of PSB.

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5. [redacted] of Cover Division informed me that clearance had finally been obtained on [redacted] and, at his request, I phoned [redacted] and informed him that [redacted] would be in touch with him and asked that he give favorable consideration to any suggestions which [redacted] might make on behalf of the Agency. Mr. [redacted] indicated that he would do so.

6. Conferred by phone with General Magruder, who outlined certain proposed amendments in the transmittal memoranda which had been prepared by Park Armstrong as covering memoranda for the Brownell directive. I have marked these amendments on my copies of the memoranda. I indicated to General Magruder that I approved of the transmittal memoranda, as revised, and, at his request, later so informed Park Armstrong by phone.

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7. Met with Dr. Whitman, Chairman R&DB, General Maxwell of his office, General Samford, and Messrs. [ ] and Reber of CIA on the question of flying saucers. General Samford dictated the following terms of reference, which are going to be considered by R&DB, possibly for a task to be taken over by Project [ ]

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Probably conclude that there is a wide variety of natural phenomena that may have significant effect upon our capability to detect enemy weapons.

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This area of phenomena needs to be examined for its various sources so that they can be properly identified, and their bad effect minimized.

Give to whomever is best able to do this.

All present at the meeting concurred in this procedure and it was felt that there was no need for an NSC directive at this time.

8. Following the meeting reported above, adjourned to General Samford's office, at which time we discussed the following:

- a. I brought General Samford up to date with respect to the status of the summary evaluation paper and arranged to meet with him on Tuesday.
- b. I outlined to General Samford the terms upon which General Smith would be content to have CIA participate in international meetings, of the type recently concluded with the

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[ ] In substance, this was to have a request for a National Intelligence Estimate addressed in the first instance to General Smith and, after production of such Estimate, to have the IAC designate a representative to sit in on the conference. I explained frankly to General Samford that part of the difficulty in the past had been having requests for such estimates transmitted to General Smith or the IAC via the JIC and I was speaking to him in his capacity as Chairman of the JIC. I recognized the embarrassment and difficulty that could be caused JIC in having to refer back to the JCS a request for an estimate made on JIC, on the ground that it was really the job of DCI and the IAC. Accordingly, I suggested that the proper way to deal with the situation was to have an equally frank talk with General Cabell to insure that the initial request was directed to DCI. General Samford undertook to have this talk with General Cabell and understood why it would be preferable for him to do so, rather than any CIA representative.

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- c. Briefed General Samford on developments with respect to the Brownell directive and expressed the view that the new procedure would be a workable one.
- d. Arranged to sit down with General Samford on Wednesday, in order to discuss a possible new approach to the AFSA problem.

25X1A2g 9. Bromley Smith, State representative on NSC Senior Staff, phoned to inquire whether or not State was going to have an opportunity to review [ ] in advance. I temporized by saying that any attempt at formal review would be impossible in view of the time schedule, although I had no objection to their seeing the papers. I suggested that 25X1A9a he follow up with [ ] and suggested to [ ] that he play this 25X1A9a request by ear. I had no strong feeling that State should not see the papers, but I would not acquiesce in a State attempt to rewrite them in detail.

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25X1A5a1 11. Mr. Reber consulted me respecting the dissemination of [ ] to the office of Mr. Harriman and to the Office of Naval Research. I approved such dissemination, subject to security approval. I also indicated to Mr. Reber that now that we had a green light on the dissemination of this study, he would be authorized to clear such dissemination unless any substantial policy question were raised by the request.

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